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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Frank A. Barnard, services as Selectman, to March 1, 1886,	$59 50
James N. McCoy, services as Selectman, to March 1, 1886,	37 00
Frank D. Lyford, services as Selectman, to March 1, 1886,	45 00
F. L. Houston. S. S. Committee for 1885,	36 00
John S. Bagley, Supervisor,	4 50
J. E. Pattee, Supervisor,	6 75
John A. Sanborn, Town Clerk,	20 00
C. H. Weeks, Treasurer,	30 00
Auditors' services,	3 00
Total,	$241 75

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

—Dr.—

Received of F. D. Lyford, for Waterville bridge timber,	$10 50
Received of Waterville, aid building bridge,	72 83
" of State Treasurer, for bounties,	88 90
" " " Savings bank tax,	101 50
" " " Literary fund,	112 24
" of Dick Martz, use of town house,	1 00
" " M. Greeley, highway tax on lumber,	53 32
" " O. F. James, overpaid on road bill,	1 00
Total,	$441 29

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By cash paid Town Treasurer, $441 29

TOWN DEBT.—DUE ON NOTES.

Emily Durgin,	$106 00
Judith Foss,	621 00
Mahala Foss,	457 00
Sarah J. Woodbury,	134 00
L. M. Woodbury,	6 60
I. F. Woodbury,	5 80
Milton Woodbury,	18 00
R. E. Sanborn,	30 00
Mary E. Richards,	186 00
C. Tucker,	35 00
M. Greeley, (Carter Foss Note, not before reported,)	216 00
Total,	$1815 40

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1,	$151 00
" " 2,	166 49
" " 4,	85 00
" " 5,	158 75
" " 6,	93 00
" " 7,	61 66
" " 8,	90 00
" " 9,	91 92
" " 11,	60 05
" " 12,	51 00
Total,	$1008 87

Miscellaneous Bills.

A. H. Kendall, for plank,	$2 40
F. Fox, for board of town officers for 1884,	4 50
E. Elliott, work on Waterville bridge,	13 00
O. F. James, lumber for Waterville bridge,	5 50
S. B. Elliott, " " " "	39 34
M. W. Hazeltine, printing town reports, 1884,	15 00
P. Hart, work on road,	5 25
John Johnson, overseer of the poor, 1885,	40 00
O. H. James, work on Waterville bridge,	10 50
J. T. Bradley, work on road as per bills,	15 86
C. C. Shores, care of town house and work on road, 1884,	14 21
John Colby, work on road,	11 98
A. Robie, " " "	1 00
Wm. Mitchell " " "	1 12
C. H. Hall, " " "	2 50
I. H. Wyatt, use of water trough for 1884,	3 00
O. F. James, work on road, 1884,	8 00
Dexter Merrill, " " " "	4 50
F. D. Lyford, Waterville bridge bills,	87 37
V. G. Durgin, board and services as Supervisor for 1884,	10 00
C. H. Weeks, to pay Laura Bowles claim against Dist. No. 5,	30 00

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F. D. Lyford, to pay bounties,	$ 5 00
L. J. Marden, for plank, as per bills,	36 89
H. Robie, for stone used at covered bridge, 1884,	3 00
Augustus Merrill, work on road,	8 00
C. M. Gordon, board and work on road,	2 00
F. A. Barnard, work on road,	6 00
J. N. McCoy, for lumber,	50 00
C. B. Caldon, work on road, 1883 and 1884,	3 75
M. H. Kendall for lumber and building bridge,	52 39
M. S. Merrill, bear bounty,	10 00
American Bolt Co.,	7 35
G. H. H. Silsby, for blank books,	7 05
I. H. Wyatt, bear bounty,	20 00
J. N. McCoy, lumber and woodchuck bounties,	43 82
E. G. Marden, bear bounty,	20 00
C. H. Weeks, county tax for 1885,	333 79
C. E. Robie, work on road, 1884,	11 24
B. F. Merrill, bear bounty,	10 00
F. A. Barnard, to pay for building new road and bridge in C. H. Bryant's Dist., and repairing abutment in J. M. Fox Dist.,	185 00
A. F. Houston, work on road,	30 62
C. B. Caldon, " " "	2 00
F. L. Houston, books for Mary Corliss,	2 50
L. J. Marden, work on road,	2 75
J. N. McCoy, work at the Melcher place,	27 25
" work on road and bridge at A. P., Wood place,	74 13
F. A. Barnard, bounty on woodchucks,	7 60
I. H. Wyatt, " " bear,	10 00
F. A. Barnard, to pay S. Sargent, B. F. Merrill, and J. T. Bradley for work on road, as per bills,	21 43
Sawyer and Marrell, for work on road,	8 18
F. A. Barnard, to pay for work and lumber in Dist. No. 5, as per bills,	81 00
Solon A. Carter, State tax for 1885,	332 00

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F. A. Barnard, to pay C. W. Hart, Geo. H. Brown, P. Moulton, and J. Fox, for work on road, per bill.	22 43
George W. Hichett, for work on road. as per bills,	4 00
John Colby, use of water trough, and work,	10 54
F. D. Lyford, " " "	10 50
George W. Elliott, for lumber,	4 49
A. Robie, work on road,	1 25
W. T. Snow, " "	14 96
J. W. Pattee, use of water trough for 1885,	3 00
J. Parkar, labor and lumber, and use of water trough,	47 50
H. and A. Merrill, work on road,	16 11
Danforth Fass, for lumber,	29 79
O. F. James, " " and labor,	43 57
P. & I. Fox, " " "	15 40
E. Emmons, for spikes,	3 75
H. H. Constantine, labor and use or water trough,	13 40
H. P. Mitchell, Campton school money for 1885,	4 48
F. S. Merrill, for nails	7 28
F. L. Houston, books for Arthur and Andrew Corlis,	2 00
J. Percivil, use of water trough, for 1885,	3 00
F. A. Barnard, services as Collector, for 1883.	50.00
D. F. Peaslee, labor on road,	11 00
D. Moulton, for lumber,	7 30
H. E. Worcester, use of water trough, for 1885.	3 00
A. A. Straw, for powder and fuse,	59
J. N. McCoy, lumber and labor on road,	30 05
William Barritt, use of water trough and work on road,	6 00
F. D. Lyford, money paid out doing town business,	4 40
John A. Sargent, work on road,	4 18
F. M. Marden, use of water trough, for 1885.	3 00
C. H. Hall, work on road,	75
E. C. Eastman, for order book,	1 50
F. A. Barnard, money paid out doing town Business,	6 10
A. Barnard, for board of Selectmen for 1885,	14 00
B. F. Merrill, use of water trough and work on road,	14 37

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James N. McCoy, money paid out doing town business,	9 50
S. D. Foelden, work on road in 1883 and 1884,	9 16
H. H. Constantine, " and use of plow,	7 50
C. H. Weeks, sheep Killed by doys in 1884.	5 00
	$2.184.62

ASSETS.

In Treasurer's hands, March 1, 1885.	$373 60
Due from State, for bounties,	38.10
Collector 1880, school tax Dist. No 1,	16 00
1881,	65 00
1882,	392 00
1883,	195 00
1884,	396 94
1885,	3,441 42
	$ 4,918 06

Amount of Town Dept.

Due on Town Notes,	$ 1,815 40
Bonds,	21,075 00
Coupons, Jan. 1, 1886, for '84, '85 ~~and '86~~,	43 75
	$22,934 15
Deduct assets,	4,918 06
Total debt,	$ 18, 016 09
Taylor fund in Town of Thornton,	1,045 67
School " " "	1,312 50
Town debt reported March 1, 1885,	$ 19, 557 89
" " " 1886,	$ 18,016 09
Reduction,	$ 1,541 80

If the above balance in favor of the town is not as large as our townsmen hoped, or expected it would be, they should remember that we report a note of $216, which has not

been reported before, also that freshet of August last made the town extra expence of over $450, besides taking nearly all the highway tax reserved for winter to put the roads in a passable condition.

FRANK A. BARNARD,
JAMES N. McCOY,
FRANK D. LYFORD,
} Selectmen of Thornton.

Through a mistake of mine or the printer the following fact on Nales is not printed

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Treasurer's Report.

FROM MARCH 1, 1885, TO MARCH 1, 1886.

—Dr.—

In Treasury, March 1, 1885,	$742 91
Received of Selectmen,	441 29
" " Collector, 1882,	8 50
" " " 1883,	250 00
" " " 1884,	2,600 50
" " " 1885,	2,092 44
	6,135 64

—Cr.—

Money paid out by order of Selectmen,	$4,650 79
" " " on Coupons for year 1884,	6 25
" " " " " " " 1885,	100 00
" " " " 1886,	1,005 00
	5,762 04
Total amount received	6,135 64
" " paid out	5,762 04
Money in treasury March 1, 1886	373 60

As the preceding report will specify the items for the orders given on the treasurer, it is not expedient for them to be given in this report, as the orders are all on file in the Treasurer's office, to which any reference required may be made.

C. H. WEEKS, Treasurer.

Overseer of the Poor's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

Money received of County Treasurer,	$344 96
" " of Town Treasury, per order of the Selectmen,	40 00
	$384 96

PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Philip Hart for Eugene Hart,	$52 00
Paid Worchester Foss,	45 50
" John Sargent,	63 45
" Wm. Webber,	10 50
" Mrs. Samuel Stevens,	120 30
" Arthur Knowles,	38 68
" Mary Corlis,	15 60
o November 10th,	~~346 03~~
Nov. 20th. Mary Corlis,	6 00
Paid Hiram Stevens for keeping Mrs. Stevens,	36 00
	$388 03
Paid out more than received.	$3 07

JOHN JOHNSON, Overseer of the Poor.

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Thornton, for the year ending March 1 1886, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. H. KENDALL, *Auditor.*

School Report,

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and Fellow Citizens of Thornton:—

In compliance with the laws of the state, I would submit the following report:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Oscar L. Durgin, Prudential Committee. First term taught by Hattie E. Morse of Plymouth. Length of term seven weeks. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13; roll of honor, Bertha E. James, Helen L. Shores, Lillie A. Morrison. This was an excellent school, and the scholars made good improvement for so short a time, and the teacher showed that she was well qualified to fill the position that she occupied.

Second term of seventeen weeks, taught by Melvina L. James of Thornton. Whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 13; roll of honor, Bertha E. James, Linnie L. James, Estella J. Foss, Lizzie M. Samborn. This was a No 1 school in every respect, and the teacher worked hard to make this the best school in town, and I can truly say that this school passed the best examination at its close, of any school in town.

District No. 2.

Danforth Foss, Prudential Committee. First term of eight weeks, taught by Melvina L. James of Thornton. Whole number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 22; roll of honor, Gracie Drew, Verda Smith, Eliza M. Elliott, Walter S. Elliott, Elmer O. Knowles. This was a good school, and the scholars made extra improvement. At the close of the school the teacher and scholars gave a public entertainment, which was very creditable to both teacher and scholars.

Second term of seven weeks, taught by Miron J. Hazeltine, Esq., of Thornton. Whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 16; roll of honor, Eliza M. Elliott, Inoe L. Foss, Nettie M. Tyrell, Walter S. Elliott, George H. Greeley.

Third term of ten weeks, taught by Miron J. Hazeltine, Esq. Whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 16; roll of honor, Elmer O. Knowles. Mr. Hazeltine is to well known as a teacher, to need any word of recommendation from me.

District No. 4.

Nathan Blake, Prudential Committee. First term of nine weeks, taught by Annie A. Shaw of Campton. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13; roll of honor, May E. Carter, Guy F. Downing. Miss Straw is a teacher of long experience, and is very thorough with her work, in the school room, and the result of her work was a first class school.

Second term of nine weeks, taught by Newton Fox of Woodstock. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 11; roll of honor, Mary A. Carter, Fred E. Cilley, Henry R. Cilley, Guy F. Downing, Leon G. Straw. Mr. Fox is a teacher of some experience and kept a fair school.

District No. 5.

Charles H. Weeks, Prudential Committee. Two terms taught by Minnie E. James of Thornton. First term, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, 22; average attend-

ance, 20; roll of honor, Charlie Avery, Leigh Avery, Johnny Brown, Lauson Brown, Lizzie M. Avery, Hattie Merrill, Josie Merrill, Susie Sargent, Tina Weeks.

Second term sixteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 11. Miss James is a hard worker and is very thorough with her scholars. The scholars all made good progress in their studies, but for some reason there was but few scholars attended the last few weeks of the last term.

DISTRICT No. 6.

William Gillispie, Prudential Committee. Two terms, taught by Alice G. Emerson of Campton. First term, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16; roll of honor, Johnnie T. Gillispie, Georgia L. Hackett, Eva E. Hackett, Minnie I. Gillispie.

Second term, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10; roll of honor, Georgia L. Hackett, Gertie A. Gillispie, Susie C. Gillispie. Miss Emerson done well with the first term and the scholars made good improvement, but the second term the teacher labored under several disadvantages which caused a lack of interest in the school, and there was not very good improvement made, but I think there should be more blame laid to the parents, and scholars than the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Albert H. Sawyer, Prudential Committee. One term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Mary Shaw of Lowell. Whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 8. This was Miss Shaws first effort in teaching. The scholars made good progress in their studies, but the teacher lacked in energy and promptness, and the irregular attendance of the scholars caused a lack of interest which is required to make a good school.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Frank D. Lyford, Prudential Committee. First term of eight weeks, taught by Annie E. Abbott of Thornton. Whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7; roll of honor, Herbert A. Broad, Albert D. Lyford. Miss Abbott is one of

our best teachers, and an earnest worker in the school room. The scholars made good improvement, and on the whole this was a first class school.

Second term of ten weeks, taught by Charles W. Glines of Moultonborough. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9; roll of honor, Albert D. Lyford, Henry D. Lyford, Anna J. Elliot, Grace Lyford. This was Mr. Glines first school, and I think it was a very profitable term to all concerned, With more experience I think Mr. Glines will rank among our best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 9.

A. F. Woodbury, Prudential Committee. One term of sixteen weeks, taught by Annie E. Abbott of Thornton. Whole number of scholars, 21; average attendence, 18; roll of honor, Lizzie M. Woodbury, Ida F. Woodbury, Gertie A. Willey, Mamie R. Willey, Willie W. Armstrong. Miss Abbott still retained her former reputation as a teacher, and the scholars made considerable improvement in their studies, and this was a good school, although some of the scholars are rather backward.

DISTRICT No. 11.

C. F. Plummer, Prudential Committee. One term of nine weeks, taught by Hattie E. Morse of Plymouth. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 10; roll of honor, Lee Pattee, Georgie Plummer, Guy McClentic, Wilbur Gordon This was an excellent school, and the scholars made good improvement. Some of the small scholars in this school showed themselves much smarter than some of the older ones, but the teacher took extra pains with this school to make it profitable to all concerned.

DISTRICT No. 12.

George H. Brown, Prudential Committee. One term of twelve weeks, taught by Laura A. Whittemore of Bridgewater. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 15; roll of honor, Elis J. Brally, Lester W. Brally, Lillie M. Brown, Welman C. Brown, Nelson Brown. Miss Whittemore is an experienced teacher and thoroughly understands her work in the school room. Improvement good, and a first class school.

In presenting the annual report your committee would take occasion to say that the schools have been uniformly successful. The teachers have in most instances brought into their schools the results of ripe experience, and are therefore well fitted for their work. They have labored with untiring zeal

for the benefit of those under their charge, and have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts have been duly appreciated. I think that in one or two instances some of our teachers who have had years of experience, have been a little fast in calling their scholars such well sounding names as fools and blockheads. They should remember that all mankind belong to the same brotherhood and therefore they must belong to the same great family as their scholars which they call such pet names.

With these few remarks, I will close the school report for this year, and wait the advent of the new School law, that is soon to come into force, hoping that it will help, and promote the cause of education in our country districts.

FRANK L. HOUSTON, S. S. Committee.

Thornton, N. H., Feb. 20, 1886.